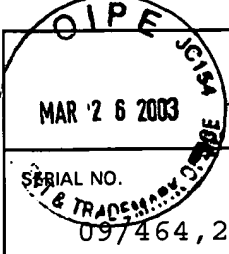


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INVENTION PROCESS FOR ETCHING A CONTROLLABLE THICKNESS OF OXIDE ON AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT STRUCTURE ON A SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE USING NITROGEN PLASMA AND AN RF BIAS APPLIED TO THE SUBSTRATE					

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